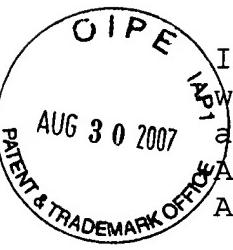
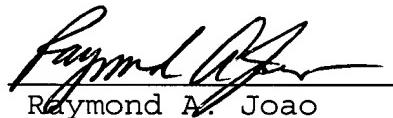


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is an Amendment And Response To Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed July 26, 2007, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 and 22-32 in view of prior art references.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview with Applicant on August 9, 2007.

Based upon the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: